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8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON	
9	AT TAC	OMA
10	ROBERT W. SCHOFIELD,	
11	Plaintiff,	CASE NO. 13-cv-5228-JRC
12	v.	ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT THE
13	CAROLYN W. COLVIN, Acting	RECORD
14	Commissioner of the Social Security Administration,	
15	Defendant.	
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17	This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 2	28 U.S.C. § 636(c), Fed. R. Civ. P. 73 and
18	Local Magistrate Judge Rule MJR 13 (see also	Notice of Initial Assignment to a U.S.
19	Magistrate Judge and Consent Form, ECF No.	5; Consent to Proceed Before a United
20	States Magistrate Judge, ECF No. 6). This mat	ter is before the Court on plaintiff's motion
21	to supplement the record (see ECF No. 15). De	efendant has filed a response (see ECF No.
22	17).	
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1	After considering and reviewing the record, the Court concludes that plaintiff's	
2	motion shall be denied.	
3	Plaintiff moves the Court to supplement the record, seeking the addition of the	
4	following documents:	
5 6 7 8 9 10	<ol> <li>June 27, 2012 correspondence by plaintiff's counsel to the Tacoma district office;</li> <li>Fee agreement dated June 22, 2012;</li> <li>Identifying Information for Possible Direct Payment of Authorized Fees, SSA- 1695;</li> <li>Authorization to Disclose Information to the SSA, SSA-827;</li> <li>SSA Consent for Release of Information, SSA-3288;</li> <li>Letter to the Appeals Council dated June 29, 2012 (with enclosures);</li> <li>Fax of December 12, 2012 to the Appeals Council (with enclosures); and</li> <li>Fax of January 14, 2013 to the Appeals Council (with enclosures).</li> </ol>	
11	Defendant responds that this Court's jurisdiction is limited to reviewing the	
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13	pleadings and the transcript of record (see Response, ECF No. 17, pp. 1-2 (citing 42	
14	U.S.C. $\S$ 405(g), sentence four)).	
15	Although plaintiff may contend that this evidence should have been made part of	
16	the record, defendant argues that this new evidence may be added to the record now, only	
17	following a sentence six remand subsequent to a showing of materiality and a showing of	
18	good cause for the failure to incorporate such evidence into the record in a prior	
<ol> <li>19</li> <li>20</li> <li>21</li> <li>22</li> </ol>	proceeding ( <i>see id.</i> , p. 2 ( <i>citing</i> 42 U.S.C. § 405(g); <i>Shalala v. Schaefer</i> , 509 U.S. 292, 296-97 (1993))). Defendant also contends that such new evidence only is material if it may change the outcome and bears directly on the matter before the Court ( <i>see id.</i> ( <i>citing</i>	
23	Mayes v. Massanari, 276 F.3d 453, 462 (9th Cir. 2001)).	
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1	Defendant contends that plaintiff has not demonstrated that the new evidence is
2	material, and contends that this new evidence is not relevant to any of plaintiff's
3	arguments presented to this Court on appeal of the ALJ's written decision. Defendant
4	also contends that this new evidence is mentioned only in the procedural history section
5	of his Opening Brief (see ECF No. 15).
6	Finally, defendant contends that even if the new evidence established a procedural
7	error on the part of the Appeals Council, no harm has been established that is relevant to
8 9	the outcome of the case (see Response, ECF No. 17, p. 3).
10	Because of the persuasiveness of defendant's arguments, and controlling 9 <sup>th</sup>
11	Circuit authority regarding this subject, as noted above, the Court hereby <b>DENIES</b>
12	plaintiff's motion to supplement the record.
13	Dated this 16 <sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.
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15	J. Richard Creatura
16	United States Magistrate Judge
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